

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1           Claim 1 (previously presented): A steam-supplying apparatus for hairdressing and beauty  
2 care, comprising:

3           a steam-generating portion;

4           an electromagnetic valve;

5           a connecting tube;

6           a steam-blowing portion, the steam-generating portion sending pressurized steam through  
7 the electromagnetic valve and the connecting tube, and forcibly blowing the steam out of the  
8 steam-blowing portion, the electromagnetic valve being disposed between the tube and the steam-  
9 generating portion, the tube being flexible and being disposed between the electromagnetic valve and  
10 the steam-blowing portion;

11           a heating steam circulation passage, disposed in the electromagnetic valve, conveying the  
12 steam from the steam-generating portion through the electromagnetic valve and then to a return pipe,  
13 preliminarily heating an inside of the electromagnetic valve with the steam from the  
14 steam-generating portion when the electromagnetic valve is in a closed state; and

15           an electric heater, disposed in the steam-blowing portion, to heat a vaporization space in the  
16 steam-blowing portion, the electric heater changing water drops to steam in the vaporization space.

1           Claim 2 (previously presented): The steam-supplying apparatus for hairdressing and beauty  
2           care as set forth in claim 1, wherein the vaporization space is disposed on a steam passage in the  
3           blowing portion, and the electric heater is disposed near the vaporization space.

1           Claim 3 (original): The steam-supplying apparatus for hairdressing and beauty care as set  
2           forth in claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the steam-generating portion has a boiler to generate the steam,  
3           and a pressure-reducing valve is disposed on a steam passage between the boiler and the  
4           electromagnetic valve.

1           Claim 4 (currently amended): A steam-supplying apparatus, comprising:  
2           a steam-generating portion generating steam;  
3           an electromagnetic valve receiving the steam from the steam-generating portion, the  
4           electromagnetic valve having a valve main body and forming a heating steam circulation passage  
5           inside the electromagnetic valve to heat the inside of the electromagnetic valve with the steam from  
6           the steam-generating portion when the electromagnetic valve is in a closed state;  
7           a tube receiving the steam from the electromagnetic valve when the electromagnetic valve  
8           is in an open state, the tube being flexible;  
9           a return pipe receiving steam from the electromagnetic valve when the electromagnetic valve  
10          is in both the closed and open state, the return pipe being distinguishable from the tube;

11 a steam-blowing portion receiving the steam from the tube; and  
12 an electric heater being disposed in the steam-blowing portion to heat a vaporization space  
13 of a steam passage in the steam-blowing portion, the electric heater changing water drops to steam  
14 in the vaporization space, the steam-blowing portion outputting steam and not water drops,  
15 wherein, when the electromagnetic valve is in the closed state, steam circulates from the  
16 steam-generating portion through the heating steam circulation passage and around the valve main  
17 body and to the return pipe.

1 Claim 5 (previously presented): The steam-supplying apparatus of claim 4, further  
2 comprising a return pipe in communication with the heating steam circulation passage, with some  
3 of the steam from the steam-generating portion passing through the heating steam circulation passage  
4 and the return pipe when the electromagnetic valve is in the closed state and when the  
5 electromagnetic valve is in an open state.

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